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**RE:** Application No. 09/390,937  
Filing Date: September 07, 1999  
Inventor: KARPENKO, Igor V.  
Title: SELF-PAYING SMART UTILITY METER AND PAYMENT SERVICE  
Docket No.: VISAP022

**MESSAGE:** Attached are the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal (1pg)
- 2) Reply ( 7pgs) in response to the Office Action dated January 03, 2005  
and due April 03, 2005.

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	14	MINUS	28	0	x 25 =	x 50 =
Independent Claims	2	MINUS	6	0	x 100 =	x 200 =
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$180.00	\$360.00
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- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☒ Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. VISAP022).

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**REPLY**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action January 03, 2005, a response to which is due April 03, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks: